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The Secretary
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Gentlemen:

I am writing to support RM-7649, a proposal to change the applicable portions of Part 97 to reflect the practical world regarding automatic control Amateur Radio systems.

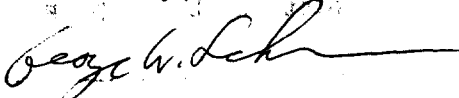
I operate a full service packet radio bulletin board. On a monthly basis about two thousand (2000) messages go through my BBS alone. I am aware of other operators that handle five (5) or more times that load. It is almost impossible for me to review every one of these messages for proper content. Beyond that I am not a trained attorney and find it impossible to implement a screening of these messages that would consistently fall within with the opinions of the FCC and it's Engineers in Charge.

I do not hesitate taking upon myself the responsibility for my own actions but the rules as presently written make me responsible for items passing through my system over which I have no control. My system acts not only as a BBS but also as a node and digipeater. I have no review capability over these last two functions at all, nor do I know presently of any available hardware or software that allows such a review before repeating the received message.

I firmly believe that Amateurs can be self policing on this issue but there must be enough leeway in the system to allow for the time lag enforcement requires. It is improper to believe that every repeater trustee or digipeater operator can sit at his control point endlessly, monitor the content or items being repeated and instantaneously terminate the transmission. To require operator monitoring and intervention nullifies the provisions of Part 97 allowing automatic control.

Please consider adopting RM-7649 and allow each Amateur Radio operator the right to be judged on his own actions and not on those of another. Thanks you.

Sincerely,



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